

REDEEMER

SERMONETTE

While walking home one morning toward my block, a strain, familiar to many of us kept repeating itself in sweet refrain:

"Where the desert bloometh like a rose
Walking in the King's Highway, etc...."

There are more words to that song, but the above two lines seemed to impress itself upon me more than the others. The King's Highway is simply a figure of speech referring to a Christian's walk in the Christian Way. If ever the reality and adequacy of a true Christian life is proved, it is during these days, when the novelty of the camp life has worn off--and so many of our friends have gone, leaving us with so little to look forward to in the way of fellowship and the social life which means so much to us.

And yet, strange, but more so, gloriously true, the understanding of God in our spiritual lives constitute so much. The sense of completeness, of wholeness, and indescribable joy--things that transcends earthly analysis truly makes the "desert bloom like a rose," and gives us gratifying grace and power to live triumphantly right here.

The key to the understanding of such things lies, I believe, in the following words of Jesus, so familiar, and yet so strange to so many of us:

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are
heavy laden; and I will give you rest."

How foolish on our part, if life is a dearth and a disappointment, to miss out on all its fullness so simply received right here--right now!

*Y.P.C.E. to honor
soldiers*

A service honoring former Church members and friends who are now serving in the United States Army, will be held by the Y.P. C.E. tonight, in Chapel 305, beginning promptly at 8:30 P.M.

Miss Hisaye Watari will be the chairman with Miss Sophie Shizume as speaker. In remembrance of each service man, candles will be lit with special prayer for them, each one, wherever they may be.

D.V.B.S. NEWS

Well under way is the Daily Vacation Bible School in both Parish I and Parish II, having started on June 19 and scheduled to close on July 14.

Approximately 130 pupils between the ages of four to sixteen attend these classes from 8:00 to 9:00 A.M., five mornings a week, before the regular summer school begins.

A short service opens the morning's activities after which the students disperse, into separate

-- John Miyabe --

classes for fifteen minutes of Bible study; then assembly is called and the memory verses are recited. The remainder of the hour is devoted to handicraft. In Parish I, Rev. Imai is instructing the boys on how to make soap cases, book ends, toys, and letter openers; and Mr. Henry Mukai was teaching woodcraft in Parish II. The girls, under the supervision of Mrs. Grube, mother of Alice Grube, have learned to make beaded hat and butterfly pins, and also are weaving squares of yarn for many practical uses.

A total of thirteen teachers are volunteering their time and efforts to make this Daily Vacation Bible School as successful as it has been in the past two years, in spite of the many handicaps and shortages that exist. The two Parishes are supervised by Mr. John Miyabe with Misses S. Shizume and R. Konatsu assisting.

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Those children who have not attended D.V.B.S. as yet are reminded that there is still time to enroll.

TESTIMONY

FEAR THOU NOT; FOR I AM WITH THEE:
BE NOT DISMAYED; FOR I AM THY GOD:
I WILL STRENGTHEN THEE; YEA, I
WILL UPHOLD THEE WITH THE RIGHT
HAND OF MY RIGHTEOUSNESS.

These words of God's assurance are surely words of encouragement and strength to anybody who believes in a personal living God; especially in these times of our relocation when we go out with a feeling of uncertainty or fear. This is God's assurance that He will look after our welfare if we are willing to let Him.

In the past year, I have found God just as He has here assured Isaiah, and as I must leave again from the midst of friends dear to me, I have but this of God's assurance that all will be well; that I have nothing to fear about. This is God's grace, God's special favor to those who believe and trust in Him. What greater respect can anyone pay to a person than to trust Him? Surely, of all persons, God deserves our first trust. That is our way of telling God that we believe in Him.

In return for my trust He gives me peace of heart and mind; for the Lord who watches over the flight of the sparrow will surely not be unconcerned about those who love Him.

--Henry Mukai--

V-MAIL FROM ITALY excerpts

...The religion in this country is Catholic and all of them are religious. One incident I saw was a house crumbled by a bomb, but there was Christ's picture and around that picture was unharmed. It really inspired me...

Since I have been over here, one verse in the Bible really inspires me: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. (Rom. 8:28)...

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...In our prayers let us not forget these people in the war-torn countries. One can hardly imagine how conditions really are. Thanks be unto God that we have such a wonderful country that we call home. Yes, even Poston is paradise regardless of the heat.

'Tis awfully hard to find time for meditation upon His words, but each time brings me a peace of mind that means so much during these days. In closing, I would like to thank you all for remembering me in prayer. May God continue to bless you in your work there.

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acknowledgments

The Third Christian Church of Poston acknowledges the special offerings from Mr. Tom Mukai, Pfc. Bun Eguchi who is in Italy.

Monthly pledges have been received from Mr. Joe Oshita, Utah, and Pvt. Tom Mukai.

The Y.P.C.E. is grateful to Mrs. V. Batten, Kingsburg, Calif. for her special donation to help alleviate the expenses of publishing the booklet "Streams in the Desert". Miss Alice Tanase also left the C.E. a donation as she left the Center.

A copy of the novel "The Apostle" by Sholem Asch has been received by the Church Office from Mrs. G. L. Reinhardt of Cleveland, Ohio.

WELCOME SERVICE

A service was held on Saturday evening, May 24, by the Isseis of Parish I & II and the Young People to welcome back to Poston 3, Mr. John Miyabe, Asbury College graduate who will work as our Y.P. pastor for the summer.

Rev. K. Imai chaired the program, and words of greeting were given by Mr. Frank Sakaguchi, Y. P. representative, and Rev. Asano in behalf of the Isseis.

Special vocal selections were given by the Jr. Girls' Quintette and Y.P. mixed quartette.

After the service, impromptu numbers were sung by the audience, while refreshments were served by Totomi Mano and her committee of Yoshi Miyamoto, Betty Taguchi, Mary Kunitake, and Tumi Karamoto.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance, June 1	\$430.38
Income in June	99.74
	530.12
Expense in June	106.03
Balance on hand, June 30	\$424.09
EXPENSE	
Gifts to ministerial students & M.O. fee	15.28
Gift to Tom Mukai	10.00
Mimeograph stencils	19.12
Graduation gift	5.00
Pledge account book	2.00
Room and board for speaker	3.90
Travel exp. - pastor	25.12
Y.P. graduation party	6.11
Wages	19.50
Total expense	\$106.03

PERSONALS

Our Social Chairman of the Y. P. Church is Mr. Toshio Fujimoto. We are glad to have back with us Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hirai, Mr. Tom Kida, and Mr. Kenji Tashiro.

Mr. Masakazu Konatsu, Junior Church leader and Church Council member, departed for Chicago, Ill. on June 27.

Miss Lily Okada relocated recently to Denver, Colorado.